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## MANY NEW STAMPS IN DECEMBER

### Three Stamps For Stalin On Birthday

Russia's Premier, Josef Stalin, was the subject shown on three stamps which the Red satellite nation of Hungary issued on December 21. They were to celebrate the 70th birthday of Stalin which occurred on the first day of issue.



Denominations and colors are 60 filler red, 1 forint blue and 2 forint red brown.

All three stamps will appear perf and imperf, a recent dodge of Hungary employed with the apparent intention of gouging as much as possible from the pockets of the dollar country collectors.

The perforated stamps will be on sale in all post offices of the country while the imperfs are to be sold at the Philatelic Agency in Budapest.

Printing of the issue was made at the Money Printing Office of the Hungarian National Bank.

Quantities of each of the stamps starting with the lowest value was five, two and one-half million respectively.

### Counterfeits Said Coming From Mexico

Recent reports in the philatelic press of the appearance in the European market of certain Canada and Newfoundland air stamps with forged overprints is the work of a group of counterfeiters in Mexico, stated a spokesman for Nicolas Sanabria, Inc. dealers in airmail stamps.

The stamps bore counterfeit guarantee marks of the Sanabria firm, which it was stated were rather crude in all respects.

Also examined were fake airmail stamps of Honduras with phony overprints. These too bore the forged Sanabria guarantee mark.

Sanabria Inc. is urging that collectors being offered any overprinted stamps in the categories named above under suspicious circumstances should be cautious. The firm suggests that all such stamps should be certified at a reliable source before a purchase is made.

### Austrian Centenary Exhibit In April, May

Plans are now well along for the Centenary Stamp Exhibition commemorating the issuance of the First Austrian Postage Stamp to be held at the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia.

Dates have been set at April 15 to May 17.

Chairman of the exhibition is Edwin Mueller of New York City well known philatelic expert. Joining in the exhibition are the several stamp clubs which specialize in the stamps of Austria as well as individual collectors who have been invited to show parts of their Austrian collections.

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TALKING THINGS OVER AT THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC MUSEUM at Philadelphia are, left to right, Donald M. Steele, Wilbur F. Cannon APS prexy and Arthur V. Nichol, museum president. Mr. Cannon spoke to a group during the United States and Possessions exhibition held there recently. Photo—Ralph Holtzizer

### Display Of Philatelic Material Has Been Improved Considerably In The Roosevelt Hyde Park Home

By Herman Herst, Jr.

Stamp collectors who have visited the former home and Library of the late President Roosevelt at Hyde Park, N. Y. and who now revisit the place will find that philatelically, it bears little resemblance to what it was a year or so ago.

The change is all for the better, too for whatever one's feelings towards the late president were, no stamp collector came away from there with the feeling that Roosevelt was the benefactor to philately that he was made to be.

When the Library, which houses a priceless collection of mementoes was opened, one glass cabinet had an entire shelf devoted to his stamp collection. A small card of explanation, mounted with a half dozen covers, and perhaps a dozen stamps, told the story of the exhibit. According to the card, the President had directed that these particular items from his collection should be given to the American people, since they had come to him as gifts while President. Some were given by American donors, while others were given by collectors in foreign countries.

The non-collector, seeing the exhibit, was of course impressed, and usually went away with the feeling that he had just looked upon the rarest of philatelic rarities. Actually, the value of the stamps on display was considerably less than one dollar, and included a common First Day Cover, and a First Flight cover, a short set of Argentine stamps, and a South African "Jipex" souvenir sheet.

Apparently the poor taste in displaying such a notice, while at the same time the Roosevelt estate sold almost a quarter of a million dollars worth of stamps that had come to the president through "emoluments of the office" including unauthorized proofs and essays, State Department correspondence, and gifts of foreign nations, must have reached the ears of those in charge of the exhibit.

On a recent visit, the entire case in question had been removed, and the only evidence that Roosevelt was a stamp collector is a cabinet which has in it the host of gadgets that was on the President's White House desk at the time of his death. Foremost among them is a perforation gauge and magnifying glass that any stamp collector will recognize as a philatelic accessory, though there is no mention of it. One interesting philatelic sideline that has only an indirect connection with the late President is the collection of full sheets of Roosevelt issues from

several countries. Throughout the entire Museum, hundreds of State gifts that Roosevelt received are on display, many from the heads of foreign nations. Whenever possible, along with the gift itself is a complete sheet of stamps of that nation, when the country involved issued a Roosevelt memorial stamp or set.

In many cases, the Roosevelt stamps are nicely mounted on special cards, usually bearing the autographs of that particular nation's head. It is a wonderful tribute to philately, and thousands of visitors who go to Hyde Park are leaving the Roosevelt Library having had their first glimpse at what is essentially, insofar as those particular exhibits are concerned, an exhibition of stamps.

The change is all for the better. We commend whoever is in charge of exhibits for the decision to remove the exhibit attributing to the late president a generous impulse to leave his stamps to the nation, when such was not the case.

### Air Mail Service For New Haven But No Cachet

Effective on or about February 1, 1950, air-mail service will be inaugurated at New Haven, Conn., on route A. M. 5.

No official cachet for first-flight covers will be authorized for New Haven, as cachet has previously been furnished for air-mail service at this point. However, souvenir covers received by the postmaster at New Haven will be dispatched to first flights, if practicable.



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### Nine Semi-Postals From Belgium; Sarawak Releases Definitive Set; Costa Rica's UPU's Late This Month

Belgium issued a set of nine semi-postal stamps on December 20, the surtax from which is to be used to finance the work of several charitable organizations.

The four low values, all of which show flowers, were printed by typography, while the remaining five, showing portraits of French royalty of days gone by, were produced from engraved plates.

Denominations and designs are 20 plus 5c, Arnica; 65 plus 10c, Eryngo; 90 plus 10c, Periwinkle; 1.20Fr. plus 30c, Field Poppy; 1.75Fr. plus 25c, Philippe le Bon; 3 plus 1.50Fr., Charles-Quint; 4 plus 2Fr., Marie Christine; 6 plus 3Fr., Charles of Lorraine and 8 plus 4Fr., Marie Therese.

Whitfield King and Co. who supplied the information above state that the stamps will remain on sale until February 28 and retain their validity to prepay postage until September 30, 1950.

According to the same source, Liechtenstein has reissued the 5 rappen value of the 1945 landscape set in new colors. As originally issued the colors were slate green and buff. They are now brown and buff.

Luxembourg, another of the tiny stamp issuing countries will add two more stamps to its regular series which carries the portrait of Grand Duchess Charlotte (Scott type A45). The new denominations, which were released on December 22 are a 60c yellow brown and an 80c green.

A set of stamps for regular postage is planned by the Saar in the immediate future reports Whitfield King & Co. Five denominations have been suggested for the set as 10c, 1, 12, 25 and 100Fr.

A change will be made in the stamps for the British Administration of the former Italian Colony of Somalia.

Presently, the current series of Great Britain have been overprinted with a BMA SOMALIA. On January 2, this overprinted series was withdrawn and replaced with a set which had only BA SOMALIA, the "M" being dropped.

Sarawak inaugurated its new definitive series on January 3. Consisting of fifteen stamps picturing many native scenes and industries, the denominations start at 1c and end at \$5.

One of the rarest and most beautiful of the world's butterflies, the Rajah Brooke's Birdwing will be seen on the 1c. A Tarsier, known as one of the missing link animals will appear on the 2c, while on the 3c will be depicted a Kayan Tomb.

A Kayan boy and girl are shown on the 4c stamp, and a Kayan woman bead worker is to be found on the 6 center. Pictured performing a ceremonial dance in full costume is a Dayak tribesman on the 8c stamp, while one of the world's most curious animals, a Scaly ant-eater, is to be found on the 10c.

Kenyah boys in a native canoe are depicted on the 12c, and on the 15c is a Kenyah boy shown making fire by the ancient process of rubbing sticks together. On the 20c is a Kelemtantan Rice Barn, and on the 25c is a Pepper Garden.

An Iban woman is depicted on

the 50c value. The \$1 portrays a Kolabit smithy, the \$2 a map of Sarawak and the \$5 the Arms of Sarawak.

Certainly a picturesque issue of stamps which should be popular with topical collectors as well as those who follow the British Commonwealth issues.

Many of the collectors of the UPU issues have not been able to get their copies of the Burma UPU set. These were placed on sale October 9 in the country but were almost immediately exhausted. An additional shipment of the stamps from the printers was supposed to have been made on December 5 in a sufficient quantity to satisfy all purchasers.

Even though Burma has been an independent republic since January 6, 1948, it asked the Agents for the British Crown Colonies to handle the sale of its UPU issues.

Burma was formerly a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Withdrawn from sale in the colonies on December 27 were the UPU issues of Kedah, Pahang and Trengganu. They were probably removed from sale by the Crown Agents in London also.

On December 27, the new definitive set for Trengganu went on sale in the colony. No information is as yet on hand as to the number of the stamps in the series or the denominations.

Costa Rica is having a rather difficult time getting its set of UPU stamps issued. They were to have been released in early December but had the first day date postponed because of a late arrival from the printers.

Now, because of floods, it is not possible to get the stamps to the capital of the country for release, the waters having blocked roads, washed out railroads and flooded airports. It is hoped to have them out some time in January.

Little other news about coming UPU sets or singles was released in the past week. The few which are yet to come will possibly appear during the first four months of this year.

### Matthews To Publish "Covers" Magazine

Subscribers to "COVERS" magazine, until recently published by the J. E. Creamer Co., will now get their publications from A. G. Matthews, 5248 28th Ave., South, Minneapolis 17, Minn. to whom the publication rights were sold.

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## Vatican Holy Year Set Has Eight Stamps

Vatican City's Holy Year issue of eight stamps was released sooner than most collectors here and abroad thought it would be. The first day of issue occurred on December 21.

But four designs were used, distributed evenly at two stamps per design. As forecast, scenes intimate to the Holy Year celebration were used.

On the 5 Lire and 20L, the former in chocolate brown and the latter in red brown and dark green, are to be seen Christ giving the keys to St. Peter denoting the granting of the temporal powers to the first pope, Peter, and his successors.

The 6L, golden brown and dark green and the 25L, blue and chocolate brown depict the four churches involved in the Holy Year ceremonies. They are St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul and St. Mary Major.

Proclamation of the first jubilee by Pope Boniface VIII is to be seen on the 8L, black and blue and the 30L, violet and dark green.

On the 10L, purple and chocolate brown and the 60L, maroon and dark green is shown Pope Pius XII tapping with the sacred hammer on the door of St. Peter's, the opening of which symbolizes the beginning of the Holy Year. The actual beginning of the Holy Year took place on December 24.

While attractive, the stamps do not come up to the fine workmanship of the Council of Trent issue. Printed by the photogravure process, some of the colors vary in shade, and in some cases are not properly registered on the stamp.

There is a possibility that some of the variation is caused by the two types of paper used for the series.

Some of the stamps were printed on paper especially made to take the photogravure process while others were produced on paper designed for use in intaglio printing.

On the second type paper, the watermark is larger and the paper is thinner.

It is not known at the present time whether all stamps appeared on both types of paper, or whether there were certain denominations that did so.

Thousands of sets of the stamps were immediately sold to souvenir buying pilgrims and stamp and cover collectors in Rome for the event. Vatican sources stated that there would be a sufficient quantity of the series printed to meet all demands.

Information and covers bearing the new issue were received from Campagna Sammarinese, Salita Crescenzi 26, and E. Pagnini, Casella Postale 207, both of Rome, Italy.

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## More First Flights For New England Area

The Post Office Department has announced that further additions of airmail service will be made on route AM-79, this time to cities in Massachusetts. (See Linn's page one, January 2 edition.)

That announced previously for the New England area was on AM-79 as well, but on segment No. 1. It was scheduled for inauguration on or about January 12.

The added service will be on segment No. 2, and is to be started on or about January 16.

The official Post Office Department bulletin about the flight is as follows:

"Effective on or about January 16, 1950, air-mail service will be inaugurated over segment No. 2 of route A.M. 79, between Albany, N. Y., Adams-North Adams, Greenfield, Orange, Fitchburg, Lowell, and Boston, Mass.

"Service at Lowell, Mass., will not be inaugurated at this time. Appropriate announcement will be made when service is inaugurated at this point. No philatelic covers should be sent to the postmaster at Lowell until such time as formal announcement is made of inauguration of service at this point.

"Special cachets will be provided for Albany, N. Y., Adams, North Adams, Greenfield, Orange, Fitchburg, and Boston, Mass., and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

"First-flight air-mail covers to receive cachets should be sent to the postmasters at the above named offices and to the District Superintendent, District 6, Boston 9, Mass., for the Air Mail Field, Boston, Mass., and should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

"No provision will be made for point-to-point covers; however, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be given directional service only to a terminal or junction point designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination."

## One Day's Business Over One Million Dollars

A new record for business was set at the New York City Post Office when on Wednesday December 21 receipts for that day totaled over one million dollars. The actual figure was \$1,005,859.

Postmaster Albert Goldman stated that the previous high total had been set on December 20, 1948 when \$778,184 was passed into the till of the office.

## Famed W. Parker Lyon Succumbs To Heart Attack

W. Parker Lyon, 84, of Arcadia, California, fabulous character, born in a fabulous era was taken by death on Thursday December 15.

Most of the visitors to the Los Angeles area made the trip to Arcadia where Lyon had his Pony Express Museum, which not only contained practically all the available material of that time running from needles to stage coaches, but where also was housed what was considered the largest and most complete collection of Pony Express mail and philatelic material in existence.

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## BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN  
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U. P. U. In the November 7th  
issue of Linn's, this column re-  
ported the arrest in London of a  
dealer about to leave by air with  
a large stock of U. P. U. sets for  
delivery to New York dealers.

The latest reports are that this  
dealer (Bashi) was found guilty  
of an attempt to export stamps  
in violation of law. He was sen-  
tenced to six months imprison-  
ment, a fine of 1000 Pounds plus  
250 Pounds for trial costs.

The U. P. U. stamps amounting  
to 12,800 Pounds were confiscated.  
This episode is the reason why  
some dealers were unable to de-  
liver their advance orders for  
these sets.

**SILVER WEDDINGS.** A supply  
of mint Wedding sets were recent-  
ly sold in New York at a sub-  
stantial discount from face.

An Englishman contemplating  
a prolonged trip to the U. S.,  
realized that he would have dif-  
ficulty in taking substantial  
amounts of currency out of the  
country. However, with the high  
face value of the Silver Wedding  
sets, a small package could re-  
present a substantial sum.

He bought these sets in Eng-  
land, brought them to New York  
and easily converted them to dol-  
lars at a discount from the de-  
valued Pound.

**BRITISH GUIANA.** In the Au-  
gust 1 issue of Linn's, this col-  
umn mentioned that the 24c  
stamp (Scotts No. 234) had been  
issued with watermark upright  
and also sideways. It was also  
stated that the upright water-  
mark stamp was scarce and sell-  
ing in England for many times  
the current catalogue price.

The 1949 Scott's catalogue  
priced this stamp at 40c regard-  
less of watermark, and Stanley  
Gibbons priced the upright water-  
mark variety at 2 shillings and  
six pence.

The 1950 Stanley Gibbons cata-  
logue prices this variety at 55  
shillings.

Hope that some readers availed  
themselves of the implied recom-  
mendation to get this watermark  
variety.

**STANLEY GIBBONS CATA-  
LOGUE.** This column recently ad-  
vised that the 1950 Stanley Gib-  
bons catalogue of the King George  
VI stamps was not available in  
the U. S. and that readers desir-  
ing same should send orders di-  
rect to London.

This was based on a letter from  
S. G. (in reply to my inquiry) in  
which they advised that they  
had no agents in the U. S. and  
that orders should be sent di-  
rect to them. Since this appeared,  
U. S. dealers have advised that  
they stock and sell this S. G.  
catalogue as well as albums etc.

If any readers are interested  
in obtaining the 1950 catalogue, I  
will advise where same can be  
obtained in the U. S.

The comparisons in this col-  
umn, between Scotts and Stanley  
Gibbons catalogues have evi-  
dently produced interest on the  
part of collectors as is evidenced  
by the number of letters received.

Another interesting episode is  
the auction catalogues, some of  
which now list these items with  
Stanley Gibbons catalogue prices  
and numbers. The demand for  
these varieties is sufficient to pro-  
duce bids many times the Scott's  
catalogue price.

## More Than 300 Frames In Baltimore Exhibition

There will be over 300 frames  
in the annual exhibition of the  
Baltimore Philatelic Society  
scheduled for display at the Peale  
Museum in Baltimore, Md. from  
February 26 to March 12.

Because of its size, the show  
will be set up on two floors of the  
museum. Members and non-mem-  
bers of the society will both be  
eligible to enter exhibits.

Besides the Grand Award Tro-  
phy, there will be ten gold medals  
plus certificates of merit for de-  
serving displays.

A prospectus which contains  
the full information relative to  
the exhibition can be obtained  
from Denwood N. Kelly, vice-  
president of the club and exhibi-  
tion chairman, 315 Overbrook  
Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.

Honorary chairman of the show  
is Sol Glass well known Balti-  
more collector.

## Collector Gets Two Years In Federal Pen

The sequel to the apprehension,  
trial and sentencing of Leo F.  
Sweeney was carried as a news  
item in the Watertown, N. Y.  
Daily Times. Sweeney had been  
accused of defrauding stamp col-  
lectors with whom he had made  
contact through the United States  
mails.

According to the Watertown  
paper, Sweeney, 43, a Water-  
town citizen was the operator of  
a toy and novelty shop as well as  
being a stamp collector. He was  
sentenced to two years in a federal  
penitentiary after he pleaded  
guilty to a charge of defrauding  
numerous stamp dealers through  
misuse of the mails.

Sweeney was arrested in Las  
Vegas, Nev., as the aftermath of  
a postoffice department investi-  
gation started in Watertown by  
Postal Inspector E. E. White.  
Charged with using the United  
States mails to defraud, the local  
man pleaded guilty in the Las  
Vegas district federal court and  
drew a two year sentence.

Sweeney was a member of long  
standing in the American Phila-  
telic Society, holding the member-  
ship number 17282. He used this  
evidence of reliability to obtain  
selections of stamps, knowing that  
because of the policy of the A.P.S.  
of stringently investigating its  
membership applications that his  
low number would inspire confi-  
dence.

Postal Inspector White said that  
Sweeney obtained stamps on ap-  
proval from collectors, then would  
sell them without reimbursing the  
original owners. It was not until  
after Sweeney left Watertown  
that Postal Inspector White started  
to receive complaints on the  
swindle. At least 30 complaints  
were filed with the post office of-  
ficial by collectors who asserted  
they had been swindled by  
Sweeney.

The investigation reached 3,000  
miles across the country and  
Sweeney was finally trailed to  
Las Vegas where he was arrested.  
Postal Inspector White said that  
Sweeney admitted the charges of  
fraud, asserting that he had ob-  
tained stamps ranging in value  
from \$2 to \$25 and had disposed  
of them for a sum totalling  
around \$800.

Previously, Sweeney had served  
a six months prison term when  
he was found guilty in April, 1948,  
of sending lewd, obscene and las-  
civious pictures through the mail.  
This sentence was pronounced by  
Judge Stephen W. Brennan in  
the Syracuse federal court. In  
April, 1946, Sweeney pleaded  
guilty to first degree grand lar-  
ceny and was given a suspended  
sentence by County Judge Cran-  
dall F. Phillips and placed on  
probation. The suspension was  
made on provision that Sweeney  
make full restitution of \$1,275  
which he was charged with taking  
from Eustachio Rotella. In that  
case, Sweeney was extradited  
from California.

## Exhibition Dates

Jan. 27-29—Houston "Y" Philatelic So-  
ciety, YMCA, Houston, Texas.  
Feb. 4-5—Cleveland Stamp Club, Hotel  
Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Feb. 10-19—World Hobby Exposition, Navy  
Pier, Chicago, Ill.  
Feb. 18, 19—Decatur Stamp and Coin Club,  
Decatur Club Bldg., Decatur, Illinois.  
Feb. 24-26—NORPEX, North Shore Phila-  
telic Society, Edgewater Beach Hotel,  
Chicago, Ill.  
Feb. 24-26—Beverly Hills Philatelic So-  
ciety, Ridge Park Field House, Chicago,  
Ill.  
Feb. 26—March 12—Baltimore Philatelic  
Society, Peale Museum, Baltimore, Md.

## Heart Attack Fatal To Paul Bliss On Christmas

His legion of friends and cus-  
tomers will regret to hear of the  
sudden death from a heart at-  
tack of Paul Bliss of New York  
City. Mr. Bliss was stricken on  
Christmas Day, December 25.

He was buried from the Uni-  
versal Chapel in New York City  
on Wednesday, December 29.

Surviving Mr. Bliss are his  
wife Alma, sons Victor and Wil-  
liam, his mother, a sister in  
Denmark, and a sister in England.

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specialized in and stocked phila-  
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## 18th Annual Exhibition Planned For February

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ciety of Chicago, Ill. were giv-  
ing no time to rest on their laurels  
following their installation.

First job confronting them was  
the readying of the club's 18th  
annual exhibition which is to be  
set up in the Ridge Park Field  
House and presented to the pub-  
lic on February 24, 25 and 26.

Approximately 150 frames of  
diversified material will greet  
visitors, stated exhibition chair-  
man Albert P. Streff.

The club which meets on the  
second Friday evening of each  
month at the Ridge Park Field  
House in Chicago, elected Robert  
P. Stevens president. Other of-  
ficers are vice-president Edward  
F. Dudley, Jr., Albert R. Morgan  
secretary and William E. Schrei-  
ber treasurer.

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hibition and to any of the meet-  
ings of the society.

## Cleveland Collectors Announce February Show

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land Stamp Club at the Hollenden  
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## For The Good Of The Order

Usually in attending a club or lodge meeting one generally gets to that part of the business of the organization where there is the question as to what can be done for the good of the order. Has anyone any suggestions along that line? For years past we have



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as it is to the dealer. All of our interests are intermingled to such an extent that we should all work together.

A little thought should quickly convince anyone of this fact. Let us just consider what each can get from such promotion of our hobby. For the collector there is the added value that will come to his stamp collection and the added opportunity for him to meet and contact new friends in the hobby as well as for him to learn more about his hobby through the study and effort of new students that will come into the fold. Let us imagine that there is in the hands of collectors and dealers, a quantity of 50,000 copies of the United States 5c 1847. Most of these are held by collectors. If we can advance our hobby to the point where we can add another ten or twenty thousand collectors who are interested in obtaining a copy of the 5c 1847 for their collection, then the value of this stamp will advance to a very considerable extent. This is just as true of thousands of other stamps in your collection. It is demand that advances the price on any stamps and to create demand we need new serious collectors.

To get new collectors we have got to manage in some manner to hold more of those that come into our fold and to keep adding to them. I am firmly convinced that the increase in the number of serious collectors in this country in the past fifty years has been tremendous. I have been active as a philatelic publisher since December 1900. At the end of this year of 1950 I will have been active for the greater part of the entire fifty years and I know that each year there are thousands upon thousands of new recruits to our hobby, but I seriously doubt if over about two per cent of those who get an interest aroused, ever stay with the hobby for more than a couple years at the most. We need some means or method that will hold more of these youngsters.

In 1900 it was a rare thing to find the name of any woman listed as an active stamp collector. Today there are many thousands of them who are numbered among our collectors and many whose names are prominent in the hobby. There is something wrong with the way we are proceeding. The more real collectors we have the better off will our hobby be.

For the dealer, a large increase in the number of active collectors is certain to be beneficial. The first benefit the dealer would get would be increased business. The dealer therefore should be vitally interested in helping to do anything that will help hold as active collectors all who take an interest in the hobby. We believe one of the best ways that the dealer can do this is to take a more serious interest in the individual collector. Instead of trying to sell him stamps, just any old stamps, seriously try to teach him how to collect so that he will get more interest out of his collection. Instead of selling him haphazard, any stamps that you have for sale, try to direct him along some definite line that will encourage him to build a collection which will become attractive and outstanding. Do not let him spend his money all over the world. Point out to him the added value and interest that a specialized collection will bring to him. Find out what his principal interest is and help him develop along that line. In this manner you will have specialists in many different countries or groups of countries and thus have a market for all kinds of stamps.

The publisher too is vitally interested in seeing the hobby grow and prosper for if this becomes a fact the publisher is going to have more business from the dealers and thus the publisher has a big stake in this matter.

To accomplish all this we need a serious survey of the hobby. We need to study the wants and desires of the average collector, find out what interests him, what he likes, what he wants to know and what help he needs. If we learn these things from those who are now active we will then know how to promote interest in those who are not now collectors.

We should then have a bureau whose business it is to promote the hobby and to interest new collectors.

We shall have to recognize the fact that we have several groups that are interested, the collectors through their national societies, the dealers who are in business to serve collectors and the publishers who serve both the collector and the dealer. Any promotion should take all these things into consideration. No attempt should be made to start a journal to do this, only by working hand in hand with the present stamp journals can any scheme of promotion hope to succeed, for the present journals cover the field very well and their cooperation can not be expected if they are to be faced with competition from such a program. Already the publishers are obliged to compete with the various national societies who through lack of sound common sense management think they have to publish a monthly journal. These organizations would be far better off if they would devote their journals to bare society reports and not attempt to compete with the leading stamp magazines. Much of the material these journals print is of little or no interest to their members. Where really worthy papers are presented they should be published in a standard pamphlet form and made available at cost plus a very small profit to those who want them. If the societies will continue to run a society and run them as they should be run, they can have the support of the philatelic press, but the philatelic press is tired of helping the national societies run in competition with them. The national societies could start a stamp business and supply their members at cost plus a profit for handling only, but they would cut the throat of the hobby if such a thing were done.

There is not a national society today but what could do better

if it were to cooperate with one of the leading weekly papers and supply that publication to its members and use that publication for the purpose of developing and building membership. The leading weeklies have a circulation of three times that of the membership of these societies and thus offer a virgin field for obtaining new members.

What we need most in our hobby is a good round table discussion among the various groups who are interested in promoting our hobby and then some sound preparation and work to do the job.

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## Scandinavian Exhibit Proved Highly Popular

A preview of the Tercentenary Stamp Exhibition of Scandinavian Countries was held in the National Philatelic Museum on Saturday, December 17, at 8 P. M., under the sponsorship of the Swedish Post Office, the Postal Museum of Stockholm, Sweden, The American Swedish Historical Foundation and the American Swedish Historical Museum of Philadelphia.

Preceding the preview, a dinner was held at The Art Alliance which was attended by Elovius Märgon of the Norwegian Embassy, Tore Tallroth of the Swedish Embassy and Dr. and Mrs. Carlo Christensen, Vice Consul of Denmark, who tendered greetings from their respective Ambassadors for the Scandinavian Exhibition.

The exhibition comprised rare collections of stamps from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Greenland, Schleswig, Danish West Indies, Finland and Karelia. The Swedish Post Office of Stockholm was represented by a complete collection of the stamps issued during the 42 year reign of the present Monarch, King Gustaf V, and the Swedish Postal Museum of Stockholm by selected photographs, photostats, books and catalogs.

In addition to sponsoring this exhibition, the American Swedish Historical Museum had graciously loaned for display such priceless objects as the bronze bust of H. R. H., Crown Prince, Gustaf Adolph by Carl Eldh, three sculptures by Carl Milles, the framed Exchange of Prisoners document of the Revolutionary Period, and the framed testimonial, Safe Conduct, and photograph concerning the M. S. Gripsholm, and other articles.

## New Stamp Column For Hawaiian Collectors

Hawaiian stamp collectors now have a regular stamp column of somewhat sizeable proportions to greet them each Sunday. It appears in the Honolulu Advertiser.

Editor of the column is Major James T. DeVoss, formerly of Washington, D. C. but now on a 2½ year tour of duty in the Hawaiian Islands.

Major De Voss was one of the founders of the Pentagon Philatelic Society of Washington, D.C. He is also the present international secretary of the American Philatelic Society.

## New Officers Elected For Indiana Society

During 1950, the Anderson Philatelic Society of Anderson, Indiana will be guided by the following slate of recently elected officers.

President is Samuel Porter; vice-president Oris Cripe; secretary Ward Bunker and treasurer Joseph Pike.

In early 1950, the Society will offer a stamp exhibition, the plans for which are now in the process of formation.

Collectors are always welcome to the meetings of the group which are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Anderson Y. M. C. A.

## German Catalog Has Several New Features

Dr. Otto Hindrichs Reform Catalog 1950 of Germany and Territories, just released, is a radical departure from the common, purely chronological, method of cataloguing stamps. Dr. Hindrichs makes the design the controlling feature of the arrangement.

His method of assembling all issues of one design in one place aims at greater facility in the identification of any given stamp.

By-products likely to be appreciated by many are greater lucidity in the numbering system, the grouping under one number of watermark, paper, perforation and other varieties, and the presentation in the form of tabulations where possible. Wherever there are varieties, there is a column for the price of the cheapest variety.

The numbers of the Michel catalog are added throughout for convenient reference. The catalog has been made very comprehensive by the inclusion of the stamps of the Hitler era which for a number of years were banned by Control Council law from the catalogs, all post-World War II local issues, colonial forerunners with prices, set-tenants, booklet panes and an index which also lists inscriptions and overprints.

The catalog has 250 pages, 5½ x 8", is written in German and costs \$2.20 postpaid. It can be ordered from Erich Haide, (24a) Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany, who is preparing a special glossary for the benefit of those with only a very limited

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## WHAT THEN, BROTHER?

by Harry L. Kinne

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One of my friends once harbored a large duck, white, of the  
"puddle" variety, which swam the lake down past the Temple in  
the summer and sojourned in his cellar in the winter. It was a  
great pet and followed the children about constantly.

I once asked him if the duck was a male or a female and he  
remarked "That matter is of no interest to anyone but another duck."

Such is a stamp collection—of interest only to another stamp  
collector—and so I look forward with mild misgivings, as the years  
race along, to the time when I shall lay down the tongs and the  
hinges and leave my collection to the tender mercies of those who  
follow me.

Shorn of all the sentimental as-  
sociations and divested of the mil-  
lion little things, known only to  
me, that makes it dear, it becomes  
merely a scrap book of countless  
bits of paper that perhaps have  
some commercial value but mean  
little to the layman.

I hope that whoever reads this,  
when I am beyond defending it,  
will find it a red light of warn-  
ing before they ruthlessly dis-  
member it.

I can only shudder at the  
thought of that, perhaps greatest  
of all stamp collections, that we  
have seen scattered to the four  
winds by the money loving rela-  
tives who gained possession of it.  
If there is a stamp collectors  
Heaven, there is within it an un-  
happy spirit.

It is unlikely that the family  
line will produce another stamp  
collector. I never heard that  
philately was hereditary like act-  
ing or bald heads. My progeny  
show a mild interest but I never  
caught one of them alone with  
the albums.

It would be nice, but unlikely.  
They will tire of dusting off the  
white elephant and the stamps  
will move on. Somebody will  
take them, thoroughly sterilized of  
all my traditions, and fit them into  
his collection. The memories of  
their former owner will be "In  
the coffin there with Caesar."

It is fitting that I recount a few  
of the difficulties encountered in  
disposing of a collection. There  
are few who would care to buy an  
advanced collection, because most  
of the joy in owning one is found  
in securing it piece by piece. So,  
a Dealer is the next move.

The first word you will  
hear on offering your stamps is  
"Condition."

Condition is the Gremlin of the  
stamp collector. In case you are  
not instructed, a Gremlin is the  
Imp of Satan that sits on your  
shoulder and directs the traffic of  
misfortunes that follows you  
through life.

So far I have heard several  
hundred reasons why my stamps  
are practically worthless. I can  
see no evil in an attempt to buy  
goods as cheaply as possible. The  
Stamp Business is a tough busi-  
ness and considering the small  
number of salable stamps in any  
lot that a dealer buys, he just has  
to buy them at a low figure.

If a collection is complete at  
all, it contains hundreds of stamps  
that every collector has or can  
easily get. They are space fillers—  
uninteresting-common-place. Col-  
lectors want classic-rarities—the  
unusual.

If you attempt to break up  
your collection and sell it piece-  
meal you will suddenly find your-  
self in possession of a lot of these  
fillers and all your rarities gone.  
What is left will bring very little.

Another danger is for your  
stamps to fall into the hands of a  
person too young or ignorant  
philatelically to appreciate them.

It is impossible to pass on to  
anyone the priceless knowledge  
and hours of pleasure obtained  
in the assembling of your collec-  
tion. My stamps are a solace, an  
escape, a refuge, a counter-irri-  
tant, a hobby, if you will. They  
are an investment in the lore of  
generations past and present.  
They are not a speculation.

There is no price on the ro-  
mance of old cancellations, for  
instance. Dream up the pictures  
of those old postmasters, the dif-  
ferent personalities that could  
produce cancellations that range  
from an indifferent thumb print  
to the fantastic devil and pitch-  
fork or exemplify the influence  
of the Craft or the Church.

My stamp collection is perhaps  
the most personal thing I own. It  
ranks next to my false teeth.

It is the least understood of all  
my belongings.

It is the most selfish thing I  
own because it takes much time  
and some of my money from

things that might be more easily  
shared.

And so I speculate, what will  
become of it. That, perhaps,  
should be the least of my worries.  
Will it be treasured for itself or  
because it was mine or will it be  
scattered to the philatelic winds?  
Will it be sold for the price of a  
case of Scotch or the down pay-  
ment on a new baby?

I hope for the best. It is not  
beyond reason that some grand-  
child will treasure it for itself.

After all, there are 15 million  
of us.

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right? Anyway I think Amo  
means friend and what could be  
nicer than to receive a Christ-  
mas card from a place called  
Amo, and with a precancel at  
that. Amo, Indiana and from my  
good friend Dr. Hallam.

I had one other Christmas card  
with a precancel on it, Lexing-  
ton, Ohio, and its was from Dr.  
Mynchenberg. I think next year  
I shall look into that idea, it's a  
good one I think—Dunnell, Min-  
nesota and Atlanta, N. Y. are new  
towns to me; picked up just be-  
fore Xmas.—The BUCKEYE was  
mailed from New Holland, Ohio.

And I want to thank all of you  
readers who sent me Xmas cards  
and Greetings. They were deeply  
appreciated.

Elect Officers During  
Corn Belt Banquet

After the members and their  
guests were well fed at the recent  
banquet of the Corn Belt Phila-  
telic Society of Bloomington, Ill.  
the members were called upon to  
vote for new officers.

Tabulation of the ballots indi-  
cated that the new president is  
Ted Defenbaugh. Elected with  
him were Frank B. Whitman to  
the vice-president's chair and Ar-  
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Judge Caldwell, a former Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, was recently awarded a gold key set with diamonds, for fifty years of service. The judge has been a collector for many years. He is a past President of the Washington Philatelic Society, has been Attorney and on the board of Vice Presidents of the A. P. S., and is on the board of the executive council of the Philatelic Congress, Chairman of the National Stamp Conference held in Washington in 1937. He has won many awards for his outstanding collection of penny blacks.



by CARL P. RUETH

The first order of business today is to express my sincere appreciation for the Christmas greetings which a number of you sent me. All of them added luster to an otherwise perfect Christmas holiday.

Many of you went to the trouble of preparing special cards—others made special efforts to have your cards cancelled at a post office with a Christmas flavor—while several of you sent your best wishes in first day covers of the Wright stamp from Kitty Hawk, N. C.

Thanks a bushel to all of you.

1. On a commem issued since 1945 is shown a man who served as a captain in Lord Dunmore's war, was a general under Marion, governor of the "State of Franklin", member of the North Carolina Legislature, representative to Congress, was born in 1747 and died in 1815. Who was he?

2. There was a commem issued in 1937 which depicted a man who fought in the French and Indian War, was a colonel and chief engineer in the Revolutionary Forces, aided his cousin in completing the West Point fortifications, and led a party of former officers and soldiers of the Continental Army in laying out and founding Marietta, Ohio. Who was he?

The mail recently has contained two suggestions which might be investigated by the Post Office Department.

One of them encourages the use of a year date of issue on all commemoratives. Some of the anniversary commemoratives have this, but others such as the Gettysburg and the Poe stamps for example don't. The date need not be prominent, but could be incorporated inconspicuously in the design.

The second thought which has come from quite a few collectors is that they would appreciate a series of regular postage stamps on which would be depicted the "forgotten men" of government, the vice-presidents of the United States.

That vice-president idea has a lot of merit and is definitely worthy of consideration. Perhaps with a new series for regular postage coming up one of these days, the Department will consider the suggestion.

Now that the stamp program has been completed for 1949, and most of you have seen each of the 14 stamps released during the

year, how about getting in your votes for the most attractive stamp.

I would suggest that you name your first three choices in the proper order. In case of clubs reporting the voting, I would appreciate having the total awarded to each stamp for each of the three places.

Here are the commems:—Minnesota, Washington & Lee, Puerto Rico, Alexandria, Annapolis, GAR, Poe, 10c UPU, 15c UPU, 25c UPU, and the Wright Brothers. The other stamps are the 6c airmail, 6c airmail coil and the 6c airmail booklet.



Well, there it is, the United States Post Office and Court House of Texarkana, Arkansas—Texas with the dividing line between the states running right down through the center of the building.

And atop the building is postmaster A. Judson Pryor standing impartially with a foot in each state. Note too that on the Texas side of his body he has a "ten gallon" hat and high-heeled boots, while on the other, the civilian garb of Arkansas.

The photograph, which was graciously autographed by busy postmaster Pryor is the property of Rex D. McIntire of St. Louis, Mo. who thought the rest of you would like to have a look at this philatelically unique place which has been discussed in this column on previous occasions.

Those of you who have added the "duck" stamps to your collections might be interested in the following statistics released by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wild Life Service.

It concerns the sale of the 1948-1949 stamp which went on sale at \$1.00 on July 1, 1948 and expired on June 30, 1949. There was no possible way to break the total into the amount bought by collectors and those purchased by hunters.

The grand total was 2,127,593 sold in the 48 states, District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

There were 14,618 of the stamps sold in D. C. which amount can be considered to include the labels sold at the Philatelic Agency.

Largest number of the stamps were sold in California, 171,388 of them. Next in sales was Texas with 164,075, then Minnesota with 162,300 and Illinois with 110,980.

In the states, the fewest were sold in West Virginia, a total of 1,859. While in the territories, Hawaii had the smallest sale with 43. Probably most of the latter were bought by collectors.

The more than two million stamps sold in the 1948-1949 period set a new record for sales of these popular items.

At the present time it appears as if a stamp for the Boy Scouts is a certainty. Might even have it issued during the big national encampment of the Scouts this coming summer.

Also a certainty is the stamp to celebrate the 100th anniversary of California statehood.

Other than that the only sure thing is that the POD will issue one or more stamps for nonentities or some off year anniversary of a purely local subject.

Why not one for Rudenstein Q. Dumbhead who learned how to un-jam a zipper while in confined quarters away from home?

That line from a favorite Christmas Carol, "God rest ye merry gentlemen" can be said by all of us to the thousands of postal clerks and railroad employees who speeded the mails during the rush season just past.

It has been estimated that it took more than 60,000 of the standard 60 foot mail cars to move the Christmas mail. That number of cars if made into one train would make it 700 miles long.

Because in many post offices and terminals there was an acute shortage of floor space, the railroads were required to handle the mail all the more quickly. Thus much of it was figuratively stored in transit.

A brief glimpse into the life of a rural mail carrier was afforded when James H. DeWitt of Delaware, N. J. was interviewed recently on the approach of his 70th birthday, the retirement age for his classification.

Mr. DeWitt stated that fifty years ago, considered by present day standards, life for a rural mail carrier was rugged. He would hop out of bed at 6 a. m., feed his horses, eat a quick breakfast, hitch up and then drive to the Delaware post office.

After picking up his mail, he would start out on the 24 mile route which had about 60 families on it. If things went rather well, he would arrive home about 10 p. m., unhitch, feed and water the horse, and then eat supper if he could lift the eating tools.

Now days, things are more leisurely for him. He gets up at 7 a. m., drives to the Columbia, N. J. post office out of which he has worked since 1934, and puts up his mail. Then he sets out on the 55 mile route on which he has around 260 families.

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ALBANIA: An eight value regular series has been issued. Denominations are as follows: 0.50 lek purple, 1 lek green, 1.50 lek gray, 2 1/2 lek brown, 5 lek bright blue, 8 lek slate brown; 12 lek maroon, and 20 lek indigo.

AUSTRIA: A single henna brown semi-postal commemorates postage stamp Day. Denomination is 60 plus 15g and shows a copy of the Austria Wipa commemorative on commemorative cover as seen through a magnifying glass. A sprig of laurel completes the design.

CHINA: Two new overprints just received are probably issued by the Communist government. The basic stamps are the 10 and 20 dollar of the 1949 set showing Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Scott's 887 and 888.

The \$10.00 stamp has a red overprint which obliterates the top and bottom labels as well as Dr. Sun Yat Sen's face. The \$20.00 stamp has similar overprints in black.

GERMANY: An attractive four value semi-postal set has been received. Denominations are 8 plus 2pf purple, showing Elizabeth of Thuringen, 10 plus 5pf, bright olive green, showing Paracelsus of Hohenheim, 20 plus 10pf rose red, showing F. W. Aug Frobel, 30 plus 15pf, blue, showing J. H. Wichern. The stamps are handsomely engraved on watermarked paper.

GUATEMALA: An interesting situation has arisen in the recent set honoring Fray Bartholme las Casas. The 1c stamp has become obsolete and is not available at the post offices or the Philatelic agencies. As there is a great deal of need for 1c stamps and all the other values are still available it is expected that the 1c value will be reissued but most likely on a different paper than that used for the original printing.

If this happens the original printing of the 1c stamp should become a very good item and we would advise our friends who collect Guatemala to purchase this set without delay.

HUNGARY: The new bridge commemoratives have been received. There are five perforated and five imperforated values as well as an attractive souvenir sheet.

ISRAEL: An attractive new piece of postal stationery just issued has a face value of 15p. The stamp is in yellow brown and shows two camels drinking.

PANAMA: A set honoring Dr. Finlay will be put on sale in January. The 2c regular postage will show the doctor and the 5c airmail will show a yellow fever mosquito.

PERU: Two new color changes have been received in the current airmail set. These are a 70c Prussian blue and an 80c bright red violet.

PERSIA: An additional value has been received in the bi-color pictorial set reported recently.

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POLAND: A 15 zloty green stamp has been received. The design shows a farmer holding a flag, with a tractor in the background.

RUSSIA: A two value commemorative set just received honors cattle breeding. Denominations are 40k brown and 1r purple.

RUSSIA: The 32nd anniversary of the October Revolution is commemorated by a two value set. Denominations are 40k orange and 1 ruble green.

SALVADOR: A set honoring the anniversary of the revolution has been received. The 8c blue postage shows a soldier and a worker holding aloft the torch of Liberty.

TUNIS: A new semi-postal consists of an overprint on a 10 franc stamp with blue border and red center in Scott's type A20.

The overprint is in black and calls for a 15 franc surtax. There are also the letters F.F.L.



TURKEY: A two value set showing the red crescent has been received. The stamps are imperforate on three sides but perforated at the top which makes me think they might be part of a booklet.

Each stamp bears a number in black in the white margin above the stamp. Denominations are 5k purple black and red and 10k bright purple, salmon and red.

New G-P Officers Plan  
Diamond Jubilee Show

The year 1950 will find the affairs of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio in the hands of a newly elected slate of officers.

Named to the presidency is George A. Blizil who moved to the top office from the vice-president's chair which he held last year. Mr. Blizil as program chairman was responsible for many of the excellent programs enjoyed by G-P members in 1949.

New vice-president is Donald W. Goertz and treasurer is Curtis H. Chapman.

The secretaries, recording and corresponding respectively, are William D. Preston and John H. Andrew.

Present efforts of the officers and the club members are directed to the preparation of the Diamond Jubilee show which Garfield-Perry has scheduled for March 17, 18 and 19 at the Allerton Hotel in Cleveland.

Three of them will be laid out in horizontal format. All four will symbolize the jubilation of the citizens over this change in their government. On the 2 annas is to be seen a parade; the 3 1/2a has a symbolical representation of education (only vertical stamp of the four); the 4a symbolizes agriculture while the 12a represents the "cottage industry" of the country.

The color of the stamps was not given, but the designs are rather striking.

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## ALREADY ISSUED

This is the last time that the 1949 portion of this list will appear. Subsequent listings will record the issuance of the 1950 stamps only. It is therefore advisable that anyone wanting this information for ready reference should make provisions for retaining the 1949 portion.

C39—6c Airmail, Jan. 18  
981—Minnesota 3c, March 3  
982—Wash. & Lee 3c, April 12  
983—Puerto Rico 3c, April 27  
C40—Alexandria 6c Air, May 11  
984—Annapolis 3c, May 23  
C41—6c Airmail Coil, August 25  
985—G.A.R. 3c, August 29  
986—Poe 3c, October 7  
C42—UPU 15c, October 7  
C39a—6c Air Booklet, November 18  
C43—UPU 10c, November 18  
C44—UPU 25c, November 30  
C45—Wright 6c air, December 17

987—Bankers 3c, January 3

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TRANS-MISSISSIPPI  
ISSUE OF 1898

As stated before, this valuation list evaluates marginal plate number positions only; therefore, other marginal markings such as arrows, initials, center lines, etc. are not covered. Nevertheless, some of these marginal markings other than the plate number are important to the plate number collector in his endeavor to properly identify a specific position.

In the Trans-Mississippi issue, the plate number is at all times to the right of the imprint. This issue was printed in sheets of 100 subjects, and for the purpose of retail, they were bi-sectioned vertically into panes of 50. Each pane of 50 showed the imprint and plate number at both the top and bottom.

The imprint and plate number, in this particular issue, stretched across within the margin, 2 full stamps. There are four collectable positions out of each sheet; namely, top left, top right, bottom left, and bottom right.

In the following valuations the usual cross diagrams will be utilized.

NOTE: These sheets, when bi-sectioned vertically, made it extremely difficult to identify a top left from a top right position, or a bottom left from a bottom right position if only pairs showing just the imprint and plate numbers are collected.

The only way to identify left positions from right positions is to obtain a marginal strip of 3 or more which shows not only the imprint and plate number, but also for left positions a half-arrow to the right, and for right positions a half-arrow to the left.

All of the valuations of the specific positions of the Trans-Mississippi will be valued for imprint strips of 3. The author is well aware of the fact that a tremendous amount, in fact a majority of the collectors, originally retained just imprint and plate number pairs. Nevertheless, for the benefit of specific position collectors, and in order to evaluate the position, and furthermore, bearing in mind that this is a position-valuation list, the following valuations are for imprint and plate number strips of 3 in all instances.

IMPORTANT: For the benefit of those who have just pairs, following each listing of valuations, you will note an additional line which gives a percentage of valuation for pairs.

#285—1c TRANS-MISSISSIPPI  
14PN—56Pos.  
Quantity—70,993,400

590	591
5.00 5.00	4.50 4.50
5.00 5.00	4.50 4.50
592	598
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
600	601
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
605	607
4.50 4.50	5.00 5.00
4.50 4.50	5.00 5.00
612	635
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
709	710
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
711	712
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50
4.50 4.50	4.50 4.50

NOTE: For valuations of pairs, deduct 33 1/3% from any of the above prices.

NOTES: The 2c TRANS-MISSISSIPPI presents by far one of the greatest tests for the position collector. It is profuse with extremely rare and difficult positions and numbers; nevertheless, for sheer romanticism, this value is without equal and thrills galore await the position collector when he stretches his endeavors into this issue.

Many may state that it is utterly impossible to put together anywhere near a complete representation of the 2c Trans-Mississippi. To this I wholeheartedly agree:

nevertheless, the alert collector taps every possible source, the outstanding source being the many auctions held cross-country, wherein a good representation of those scarce and tough positions is found.

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It is indeed a thrilling experience to the ardent plate number collector when through such a medium, he is capable of obtaining some of his needs.

#286—2c TRANS-MISSISSIPPI  
121PN—484Pos.  
Quantity—159,720,800

597	608
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
610	611
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
615	616
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
619	621
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
622	623
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
624	625
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
626	627
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
628	629
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50
2.50 2.50	2.50 2.50

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Spain's TB Stamps  
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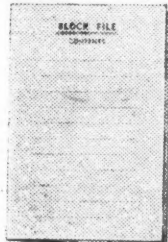
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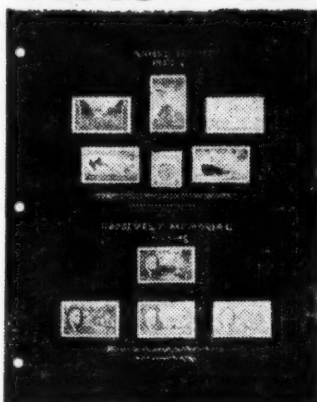


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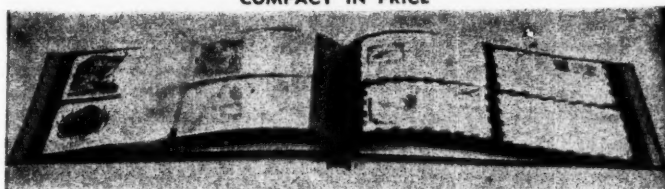
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COMPACT IN PRICE



THE COMPACT COVER ALBUM is all that its name implies. Compact for shipment, it comes to you knocked down, unassembled in order that it may be shipped and handled more economically, permitting us to make the price more compact, which means a lower price for you. You save the assembly cost by putting the album together yourself and it is this feature that permits us to offer a really fine cover album at a price lower than you have ever seen before. A price so low that any collector can afford several of them, in fact you can have an album now for each different type or kind of cover that you collect, an album for Air Mail Covers, First Day Covers, Naval Covers, etc. You need no longer keep your cover collection in a box and shuffle them every time you want to show them.

The size is only 8 1/2 inches high, 17 inches long and 1 1/4 inches thick. This album will lay in a book case or drawer of your desk because of its compact size.

THE COMPACT COVER ALBUM consists of a heavy front and back binder with stout hinged end. The front is attractively printed. The binder boards are of substantial weight covered with imitation leather. There are twenty-five pages with twenty-five glassine interleaf sheets all cut to accurate size and punched. Sufficient stubs to place between the pages to prevent bulging when album is filled are included also two 1/4 inch fine Screw Posts.

All this comes to you in a compact parcel at a price made lower because of the saving we make in assembly cost. A price so low that every collector can afford an album for his covers, in fact can afford several albums in which to house all his covers and properly display them. Covers mounted in an album and properly displayed will immediately increase in value, much more than the cost of the album. A messy lot of covers in a box is unattractive, a beautifully mounted lot will create interest and enjoyment for you and your collector friends.

To mount your covers in a COMPACT COVER ALBUM costs you little. Each album will hold 200 covers, mounted four on each side of the page and the glassine interleaves protect them from rubbing and snagging.

**PRICE ONLY \$3.00**

(Carriage Extra—shipping weight 3 lbs.)

## COVER WALLETS COMPLETE COVER PROTECTION

ENTIRE COVER IS VISIBLE

A small, neat and compact Wallet size cover album that gives complete protection to your covers, yet they are fully visible. The wallet consists of specially made pockets to hold two covers back to back, thus holding twice as many covers as there are pockets in the wallet. The pockets are of high visibility cellulose and give complete protection to your covers. Covers are easily slipped in to the pockets which are open at the top. Wallet size 4 1/2 x 9 1/4 inch, fits your pocket. The back or binder is covered with imitation leather and the whole wallet is held together with screw posts. A handsome cover album.

**\$1.50**

(Postage extra, Mailing weight 1 pound)

We also offer a wallet of similar construction, but with ten glassine pockets and a heavy art paper cover held with screw posts, and which holds 20 covers, for only.

**25¢**

(Postage 8c extra)

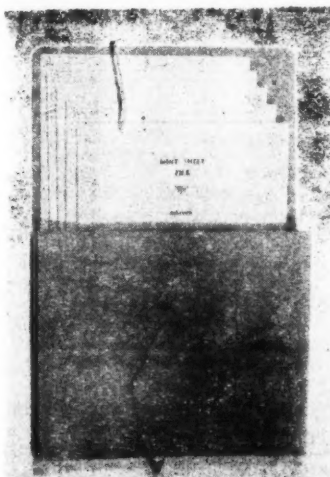
We also offer this art paper covered wallet with 25 pockets which will hold 50 covers at only.

**50¢**

(Postage 8c extra)

## LINN SHEET FILES

The future value of your stamps depends on their condition. Preserve them carefully. There is nothing better for this purpose than a "LINN MINT SHEET FILE."



A complete Filing system consists of a substantial File Case made of the finest quality heavy weight Red Rope Wallet Stock. This material is almost as tough as leather and will last a lifetime. Imitations of this material are offered in stationery and dime stores at low prices, but this material lacks the substantial life long quality of the File case we offer you and our cases are made to order to the exact size to fit the Sheet Files which they are to hold.

This File Case is 10 1/4 inches high and 12 1/2 inches wide. It is constructed on the bellows type, the expansion sides being made of high quality linen cloth and will expand up to 1 1/4 inches. A heavy flap to cover the open edge is secured by a strong tie tape with which the entire File Case may be closed against dirt and dust.

These File Cases are offered alone or with Six Sheet File folders included. The sheet File Folders are constructed of an extra heavy paper cover better than many others we have seen in quality of construction and have printed space on front for listing contents. Inside these sturdy covers are ten double paper pockets of glassine, closed at the bottom to prevent sheets from slipping out. We were the originators of this type of sheet holder. These Sheet Folders can be loaded with from ten to forty sheets, just as you care to load them. Either single sheets in each pocket or two sheets face to face in each pocket, or if desired sheets can be placed between the pockets also. This is not an objectionable feature as those who wish to preserve sheets properly should use these files only to put their sheets away and not handle them afterwards. Sheet holders or sheet albums should not be handled more than necessary and the constant turning of the pages which are flexible, will perhaps break the perforations in your sheets. The less you handle your mint sheets after acquiring them the better their condition will remain. Preserve your sheets by putting them away and leaving them alone until you are ready to dispose of them.

The LINN SHEET FILE AND HOLDERS are unequaled for this purpose. You can buy either the SHEET FILE CASE or the individual Sheet Holders at prices as quoted below.

SHEET FILE CASE (Mailing weight 1 lb.).....\$ .75

SHEET HOLDERS (Mailing weight 1 lb.)..... .30

SHEET FILE CASE AND SIX SHEET HOLDERS (Postage extra, Mailing Weight Three Pounds)..... 2.50

**ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. TERMS—POSTAGE EXTRA—HOW WE SHIP** Postage is extra on all items. We quote postage per single item. If your order is for more than one item, include sufficient postage for the parcel and any postage not used will be returned to you enclosed in a small REFUND envelope inside your package. ALWAYS LOOK FOR THIS REFUND ENVELOPE IF YOU HAVE ENCLOSED EXTRA POSTAGE. OHIO CUSTOMERS must include necessary sales tax. All goods are cash with order. Shipping C. O. D. costs you more money.

The above listings are from our latest Price List. A copy of the complete list will be mailed on request without charge.

Address your orders and make remittances payable to:

# LINN PHILATELIC PRODUCTS Sidney, Ohio



# Dealer's - Collector's and Trader's Mart

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Single insertions 5c per word. Minimum 10 words—50c. Three consecutive insertions of same copy, 12c per word. Ten consecutive insertions same copy 35c per word.  
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**BEAUTIFUL WHITE ACE ALBUM** FOR all U. P. U's due soon! One dollar deposit guarantees delivery of this limited edition when issued—postpaid with flags! Act quickly and we'll send 3 different U. P. U. sets free with acknowledgment of order. All U. P. U's in stock. Request quotations on your needs. We also have a complete line of acetate mounts and sheeting to protect and beautify your U. P. U's and other choice stamps. Free samples for stamped envelope. All Scott catalogs and albums sent postpaid with flags too. Thanks for orders—big or small. Happy New Year one and all. Pine Stamp Co., Bend, Oregon. (06\*)  
**FILE SCOTT'S CATALOGUE 1900 TO 1948** inclusive, perfect condition. Best offer take them. 50 Volumes, will deliver free within 100 miles of Philadelphia. Outside, buyer pays express. Thomas Burnett, 621 N. Ninth St., Camden 2, N.J.

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**USED AIRMAILS. SPECIAL OFFER.** \$6.00 Cat. value for \$1.00 with approvals. Joseph Ottlinger, 859 Oakdale Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. (06\*)  
**USED AIRS INCLUDING RECENT ISSUES**, 40% to 75% off Cat. J. W. Choate, 20037 Dresden, Detroit 5, Mich. (06\*)  
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**STAMPS OF UNITED STATES AND BRITISH** Colonies on approval Mint or Used. Ernest Jennings, Westport, Conn. (06\*)  
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**GIANT APPROVALS 500 PENNY STAMPS**. 40 stamps 1½¢ up to 5¢ sets. Wahl's Stamp Exchange, 7008L Farragut, Chicago 31, Ill. (06\*)  
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**WE AIN'T KIDDING WHEN WE SAY** O.J.'s Approval Service will build your international collection and save you money. Collect for investment as well as pleasure. Attractive line of 1c booklets as well as medium priced. O. J. Richardson, 22 Sta. St., Petersburg 3, Florida. (06\*)  
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**TRY 'EM YOU'LL BUY 'EM**. 1-2-3-4-5 cent general approvals. Also better grade for more advanced collectors. Best for less. Roger Gregg, Canastota, New York. (06\*)  
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**A PLEASURE TO COLLECT MINT U. S.** Stamps on approval. Adventure Stamps, Madison 1, Wisconsin. (06\*)  
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**GIVEN! 25 STAMPS TO APPROVAL APPLICANTS**. Send Postage. Kelman M. Hoffman, 722 Van Sicken Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. (06\*)  
**CALLING ALL OLD CUSTOMERS, AND** new ones to my fine selections, United States and Foreign. Prices as low as possible to you. Guaranteed Satisfaction. E. C. Reeve, Clearfield, Penna. (06\*)

## APPROVALS

**NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK**, Prince Edward Island, twenty different stamps having catalogue value over \$15.00, to new approval applicants for 45c. Green Stamp Company, Box 208, Toronto 1, Canada. (06\*)  
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**BREAKING COLLECTIONS. \$5.00 COOLIDGE** or Greece C2, 25c. Rare Earlies. O. McWhorter, 6435 Green, Chicago 21, Ill. (12\*)  
**MINT NEW YORK AIR (C38) 8c TO FIRST** 100 applicants for our one and two cent approvals for beginners and intermediate collectors—Advanced Mexico want lists solicited. L. A. Cardwell, Las Cruces, New Mexico. (06\*)  
**MINT FOREIGN SETS ON APPROVAL** with profit sharing coupons. Postpaid both ways. Wildasin, 10 Monroe, Haver, Pa. (06\*)  
**FREE—100 ROUND THE WORLD STAMPS** with reasonable priced approval with added discount: U. S., Foreigns, Covers: UPU, AMCS, V. Mayer, Box 336, Anioch, Calif. (06\*)  
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**CIPEX SHEET USED FOR ONLY ONE** dime with fine reasonably priced approvals. Kenton Stamp Co., Box 4075, Portland 8, Oregon. (06\*)  
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**SEND REQUEST LIST FOR TWENTY** different U. S. used, on approval. Purchase ten or more and receive free, 1 mint C38, New York City Airmail. C. Howard Marling, Stockton, N. Y. (06\*)  
**BARGAIN! CAYMAN SET, ST. HELENA**, Montserrat, Gilbert, Nepal, 11 other countries 10c to approval applicants. Marathon, 1246 W. Marshall, Ferndale, 20, Michigan. (14\*)  
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**75 STAMPS FROM 75 COUNTRIES 10c TO** approval applicants only. Edwards' Box 8928, Philadelphia 35, Pa. (06\*)  
**LARGER THAN EVER, DE LUXE APPROVAL** Books by countries. Reasonable. P. H. Leonard, Box 503L, Station A, Fort Wayne, Ind. (06\*)  
**FREE! YOUR CHOICE SCOTT'S LOOSE** leaf edition International Albums, Part 1 or 2, Scott's Specialty Albums or Scott's Standard Catalogues. These premiums given absolutely free to regular purchasers of our Choice foreign approvals. Write today for first selection and full particulars of offer. Hal L. Buck, Box 1287, Stockton, California. (06\*)  
**MINT AUSTRIA SEMI-POSTALS, ONLY** 3c to introduce our low-priced foreign approvals. Lockwood, 1934 Summit, Columbus, Ohio. (06\*)

## BRITISH COLONIES

**BURMA, MINT & USED, ON APPROVAL.** #35-44, mint 65c. Karl Klock, 211 East Franklin, Hagerstown, Maryland. (06\*)  
**WANT LISTS FOR MINT OBSOLETE OR** current issues filled via our personalized service. Chas. Gotthardt, Dunn Loring, Virginia. (06\*)  
**CANADA—120 DIFFERENT USED CANADA** postage only. Exceedingly nice copies \$1.00—200 used Canada Pictorials, Commemoratives and Airs, 10 of a kind 20 varieties, \$1.00—if you send us your used Canada want list we will send free 10 different O. H. M. S. punched stamps and our very low prices for the stamps you need. Complete satisfaction. Immediate refund. C. C. Barnes, Norwood, New York. (06\*)  
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**WILL EXCHANGE BRITISH COLONIALS,** mint and used, prior to 1937, for George VI. any quantity. Basis Scott's 1950 catalogue. "Stampmill," P. O. Box 202, So. Station, Yonkers, N. Y. (06\*)  
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**HUNDREDS OF RARE COIN BARGAINS.** Lists free. Start your coin collection now, you'll enjoy it. Tolve Johnson East Holden 3, Maine (173\*)  
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## COINS AND CURRENCY

## COVERS

**WORLD WAR II POSTAL HISTORY MATERIAL** bought, sold List 50c Lava, 520 Audubon Ave. New York 33. APS 14767. (06\*)  
**ARTCRAFT COVERS MAILED AS ISSUED.** Fifteen cents each 10c for 1.30. Service Stamp Co., 209 Williamsburg Dr., Silver Springs, Md. Suburb of Washington, D. C. (06\*)  
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**EARLY UNITED STATES COVERS,** stampless. Catalogue free. Nagy, 8-L South 18th, Philadelphia 3, Penna. (06\*)  
**WANTED—YOUR BIRTHDATE. SEND** me the month, day and year you were born (if between 1878 and 1926). You'll receive a reasonably priced cover actually mailed years ago on your birthdate. Your own, true First Day Cover! Mrs. Philip Corson, Plymouth Meeting, Penna. A Free Surprise awaits those who stump me! (06\*)

## EXCHANGE

**100 DIFF. BETTER GRADE THAN YOU** send for 100 diff and 10c. Robert Maris, 217 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif. (06\*)  
**SEND 200 TO 100,000 UNITED STATES** or foreign. Receive better grade foreign. Commemoratives and precancelled especially wanted. Stamps offered for merchandise. Grafe, 4550 North Kasson, Chicago 30 (10\*)  
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**ONE BRITISH COLONY PEACE ISSUE** for 10c 3c mint commemorative plate block, 3 different sets for 15c U.P.U. Airmail plate block, 10 different sets for 25c U. P. U. Airmail plate block. Michael Pelyo, 34 Milton Ave., Amsterdam, N. Y. (06\*)  
**110 DIFF. USED U. S. COMMEMORATIVES,** (4) mint commems. Plate # Blocks. Du Shay, 1314 Cleveland Ave., Sandusky, Ohio. (06\*)  
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**AMERICAN PHILATELISTS! DO YOU** want exchange stamps with all countries of the world? Do you want free ads? Join the "Flambeau Club," 29, rue Boves, Amiens (France). Send 1 international reply-coupon for specimen of its illustrated magazine (articles in English). Don't delay! (06\*)  
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**EXCHANGE STAMPS UNIVERSE. PAR-** ticulars Free, "Exchangers," Bry 114, Seine, France. (06\*)

## FIRST DAY COVERS

**UNITED STATES FIRST DAY COVERS** price list mailed upon request. Clean desirable covers. Edward L. Zirke, Inc., Box 37-L, Bronx Central Station, New York 51, N. Y. (06\*)  
**LAST OR NEXT 10 CACHED 1ST DAY** covers \$1.00, free list. Austin Clarke, 638 Matianuck Ave., Windsor, Conn. (06\*)  
**LIBERTY STAMP SHOP, 30 LIBERTY ST.** Poughkeepsie, N. Y. has purchased the cover stock of Maxwell Knapp, Rhinebeck. Mailing of covers on approval to both old and new customers will be resumed within the next week. First Day Covers on approval. (06\*)  
**UNITED STATES UPU SET FOR \$1.00,** undressed. Artcraft, three values. Send additional fifty cents for value booklet pane cover. All U. S. 1949 PDC in stock. Frances Reese, Box L30, Martinsville, Indiana. (06\*)  
**SCANDINAVIAN PDC MAILED DIRECT** to you. Write for details, free. Alwar Casen, Jacobstad, Finland. (06\*)  
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**NETERLAND 1949 CHILD SET 45c.** Walter Brooke, Boyertown, Pa. (06\*)  
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**CUBA'S BEAUTIFUL POSTAGE CENTEN-** ary Souv air Sheet #CBI at \$1.10. Medical sheet, #B3 at 60c. New Issues and British Empire on Approval. References required. Buckeye Stamps, 222 W. Habbitt St., Dayton 5, Ohio. (06\*)  
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**NETHERLANDS SEMI-POSTALS USED,** 40% to 50% Discount. From B6, on. J. W. Choate, 20037 Dresden, Detroit 5, Mich. (06\*)  
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**100 DIFFERENT PICTORIALS, RICH IN** French and British Colonials, 30c. J. Scott, 2657 Midwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio. (10\*)  
**FRANCE 48 PAGES ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE** sent for 33c in mint commemoratives (no airmails). France, Colonies, Europe New Issues and PDC Services. Cubells, 3 Graviers, Solsons, France. (06\*)  
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**GERMANY FOR SERIOUS COLLECTORS.** Courteous Service, reference. Walter Seidel, 69 Wing Street, Newark, Ohio. (06\*)  
**1000 DIFFERENT FOREIGN \$1.00; 2000** \$2.50. Foreign Bank clippings \$1.00 and \$2.00. C. Davis, 859 Broadway, Newark 4, N. J. (12\*)  
**UPU AND OTHER NOVELTIES, SETS,** packets from Hungary for re-sellers, through an American Bank. Dr. Palotas, Apacau, 1, Pecs, Hungary. (06\*)  
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Its editor is Tom Morgan who compiled and edited previous editions of the publication. Mr. Morgan is editor of both the Philatelic Magazine and the Philatelic Trader, each of them Harris products.

This 1950 edition has more of an international aspect in the number of interesting articles printed. Previous Annuals had more or less concentrated on material of interest to the British or the Commonwealth collector.

To be found also are a philatelic calendar, a Who's Who of British Philately, several directories of various kinds, check and currency conversion lists and a few laughs from cartoons with a philatelic flavor.

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156 ○	★401-404 5 diff. 2 shades of 402. Fine used copies	8.82
157 ★	★405 5c ultramarine VG mint copy	6.00
158 ★	★415-416 9c salmon red, 10c yell. VG used, latter crease	4.60
159 ★	★419 20c ultramarine VG mint copy	7.50
160 ★	★421 50c violet Fine appearance, NG slight thin	30.00
161 ○	★423 31 violet brown. Fine appear. defects	7.50
162 ★	★429-434 6 diff. Fine appear. lot, slight defects	12.45
163 ○	★434-437 5 diff. 2 shades of 435. Good lot, used	3.05
164 ○	★437 5c ultramarine VG mint copy	7.50
165 ★	★443 1c green coil. Fine mint pair	2.40
166 ★	★445 3c violet VG mint pair	40.00
167 ○	★456 3c violet Fine used copy	5.00
168 ○	★460 31 violet black. Fine used copy	7.25
169 ○	★474-476 3 diff good used copies	5.05
170 ○	★477 50c light violet Fine used copy	7.75
171 ○	★477 do. VG used copy	7.75
172 ○	★477-478 50c & 1 val. VG used copies	9.10
173 ○	★479 82 dark blue Fine used copy	3.50
174 ○	★480 53 light green Fine used copy	3.50
175 ★	★482 2c carmine Imperf. Light block, Superb Mint	9.00
176 ★	★483 3c violet, type II Superb line block	7.00
177 ★	★315 20c ultramarine Fine mint copy	3.20
178 ★	★315 do. VG mint copy	3.20
179 ○	★323 82 orange red and black VG used copy	23.50
180 ★	★331 1c green Imperf. Superb line block	3.20
181 ★	★332e 2c Imperf. T.IV. VG mint block, crease	10.00
182 ★	★337 Victory. Good mint block of 4. S.E. on b.	4.75
183 ○	★341 3c violet T. II VG used block	16.50
184 ★	★342 1c green. VG mint block	5.00
185 ★	★342 5c carmine VG mint used copy	5.00
186 ○	★348-350 Pilgrim set. VG-F mint copies	4.65
187 ○	★350 3c do. Fine used copy	2.50
188 ○	★350 do. Fine mint copy	3.75
189 ★	★350 do. VG mint block	16.00
190 ○	★348-350 Pilgrim complete Fine used set	2.87
191 ○	★414-616 Hug. Wall. Fine used set	3.20
192 ○	★616 1c Concord copy. Fine used copy	3.20
193 ○	★621 3c Navy VG used copy	3.00
194 ★	★448 Hawaiian 5c blue VG block of 4.	5.00
195 ★	★665 7c Kansas overprint VG mint block of 4.	3.75
196 ★	★666 8c Kansas VG mint copy	7.50
197 ★	★704-715 Wash. Bi-Cent complete Fine mint set	2.08
198 ○	★740-749 1c to 10c Parks Fine mint set	1.94
199 ○	★749-803 P. A. complete. Fine mint set	12.88
200 ○	★803-803 do. Fine used set	1.25
201 ★	★809-901 3 diff. Fine mint plate blocks	1.25
202 ★	★809-921 Flags. VF mint copies	1.87
203 ★	★809-921 Do. VF mint blocks of 4	7.60
204 ○	★C1 6c orange Fine used copy	2.00
205 ★	★C2 16c green Good mint copy, NG	8.00
206 ○	★C2 do. Fine used copy	4.50
207 ○	★C3 2c Justice Good used copy	5.00
208 ○	★C5 16c Dark Blue Fine Mint Copy	8.25
209 ○	★C6 24c carmine VG mint copy	8.75
210 ○	★C18 50c Zepp. Fine used copy	8.00
211 ★	★C18 Do. Fine mint copy	10.00
212 ○	★C18 Do. on first light cover VF used	12.00
213 ○	★C22 50c carmine VF mint block of 4	4.00
214 ○	★C21 2c Justice Superb mint blocks of 4	22.00
215 ○	★E7 10c blue VG used copy	3.00
216 ○	★E7 10c green VG used copy	3.25
217 ★	★F1 10c registry Fine mint copy	3.50
218 ○	★O1 1c agric. VG mint copy	7.00
219 ○	★O2-O3 2c and 3c agric. VG mint copies	5.75
220 ★	★O12 3c Exec. Good mint copy	17.50
221 ★	★O17 3c Int. VG mint copy	4.25
222 ○	★O18 Justice Good used copy	7.50
223 ○	★O65 24c State Good mint copy	12.50
224 ○	★O106 3c Justice Good mint copy	6.00
225 ★	★O113 90c Treasury Good, NG slight thin	40.00
226 ○	★O11 2c Exec. Fine appearing used copy	15.00
227 ○	★O8 24c agric. VG used copy	8.00
228 ○	★O32 24c Justice Good used copy	20.00
229 ○	★O32 2c Justice Good used copy	15.50
230 ○	★O42 5c Navy Good used copy	4.00
231 ○	★O44 30c Navy Good used copy	3.50
232 ○	★O66 30c State VG used copy	8.50
233 ○	★O67 90c State VG used copy	15.00
234 ○	★O80 24c Treasury VG used copy	8.00
235 ○	★O87 7c War VG used copy	4.25
236 ○	★O113 30c Treas. Good used copy	12.00
237 ○	★Q1-Q10 Parcel Post complete G-F used	11.47
238 ○	★Q10 6-1c to 10c VG-F mint	3.82
239 ★	★Q1 50c value Fine, slight hinge thin	14.00
240 ○	★Q11 75c value Superb mint copy	2.75
241 ★	★Q11 do. Fine mint copy. SE on bottom	2.75
242 ★	★Q12 31 value VF mint copy slight hinge thin	25.00
243 ○	★Q17 15c value Good mint copy	3.75
244 ○	★Q17-Q10 4 diff. VG used copies	7.50
245 ○	★R61B 2c bank check VF used copy	5.00
246 ○	★R11B 2c Proprietary, Fine used copy	5.00
247 ○	★R62c 50c Probate V. Good used copy	2.25
248 ○	★R75A 31 Power of Att. VG used, slight thin	3.00
249 ○	★R81A 32 Conveyance Good-used copy, slight tear	6.00
250 ○	★R81B do. Fine used copy	25.00
251 ○	★R81A 32b Conveyance Good-used copy	4.50
252 ○	★OX3 Brown "Post Obitum" good used, closed tear t	7.50
253 ○	★OX5 Hard White paper, V. Good mint copy	12.00
254 ○	★RW1 31 blue V. Good mint NG	12.50
255 ○	★RW2 31 rose lake Good used copy	3.50